

# TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In re patent application of: Boyd et al.

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Examiner: Pedro Philogene

Group Art Unit: 3732

For: Devices and Methods for the Restoration of a Spinal Disc

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#### TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified patent application

#### CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Paid For	Fee Calculation	Addit Fee
Total Claims	59	47	12 X 25	\$ 300.00
Independent Claims	.6	5	1 X 100	\$ 100.00

Total Additional Fee Required

\$ 400.00

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- \* Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$400.00 to cover the cost of the twelve (12) additional claims (\$300.00) and the one (1) additional independent claim (\$100.00)
- \* Please provide any extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 13-0014, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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## THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully submit the following preliminary amendment. A check in the amount of \$400.00 is enclosed for the small entity claim fee under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16(b), (c) for one (1) additional independent claim (\$100.00) and twelve (12) additional claims (12 x \$25.00). The Commissioner is further authorized to deduct any additional amounts due (excluding the issue fee) or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 13-0014.

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